

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In accordance with one aspect of the present invention there is provided a photoprocessing management system for managing photoprocessing services of a service provider for filling image orders with respect to rolls of photographic film submitted by a customer, comprising:

- a) a computer for processing data by a service provider with respect to ~~[[a]] the customer, the computer maintaining a customer account with respect to image orders submitted by the customer with respect to the rolls of photographic film;~~
- b) means for filling ~~an~~ the image order orders for ~~said the~~ customer and associating a charge to ~~said the~~ customer for filling of ~~said the~~ image order with respect to each of the rolls of photographic film submitted by the customer; and
- c) means on the computer for automatically assigning credit to the customer account for unused or unusable images on the rolls of photographic film submitted by the customer wherein a number of accrued unused or unusable images are compared to a threshold value on behalf of said customer based on a predetermined criteria.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In accordance with another aspect of the present invention there is provided a method for processing images on ~~an~~ a plurality of image retaining devices submitted by a customer, comprising the steps of:

- a. providing ~~an~~ the image retaining device of a devices by the customer, each of the said image retaining devices capable of retaining a predetermined number of images;
- b. processing ~~said the~~ image retaining devices by a processing lab;
- c. automatically determining the number of ~~printable unused~~ or unusable images on each of the said processed image retaining devices; and

d. maintaining a customer account on a computer database with respect to the plurality of image retaining devices; and

~~d e.~~ automatically crediting ~~said~~ the customer account for ~~said~~ the unusable unused or unusable images in accordance with a predetermined criteria wherein the predetermined criteria comprises comparing the number of images of the image retaining device that said image retaining device was designed to capture with the number of unused or unusable images on each of the processed image retaining devices.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In accordance with ~~yet still~~ another aspect of the present invention there is provided a computer software product for use in filling image orders with respect to images on an image retaining device, the computer software product being stored on a computer readable medium having stored instructions which when executed by a computer causes that when placed in a computer will cause the computer to do perform the steps of:

- a. processing data for a service provider with respect to a customer;
- b. keeping track of a the customer orders having an image retaining device capable of retaining a predetermined number of images;
- c. automatically determining the number of unused or unusable printable images on each of the said processed image retaining devices; and

d. automatically crediting ~~said~~ the customer account for ~~said~~ the unused or unusable unusable images in accordance with a predetermined criteria wherein the predetermined criteria comprises comparing the number of images of the image retaining device that said image retaining device was designed to capture with the number of unused or unusable images on each of the processed image retaining devices.--

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 15.

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 25.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The system 10 ~~further~~ includes means for filling an image order, which in the embodiment illustrated comprises a photofinishing lab 30 (photofinishing provider) which provides various photofinishing goods and services. For example, the photofinishing lab 30 typically will receive exposed unprocessed photographic film for processing and printing of photographic prints. The photofinishing lab 30 may provide various other image related products such as photo albums, t-shirts and mugs having personalized images thereon. There is virtually no limit as to the number and different type of image goods or services that may be provided by the photofinishing lab 30.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The network photo service provider 54 includes a server 56 which is used to communicate with the Internet 20. In the embodiment illustrated, the network photo service provider 54 is in communication with photofinishing lab 30 through Internet 20. The internet 20 also allows communication between any of the various parties connected thereto, for example, the customer at home, the retailer 23, the photofinishing lab 30, and network photo service provider 54. A computer 58 is also provided at the network photo service provider 54. Computer 58 is in communication with server 56 and includes an image database 60 which stores digital images, and a customer database 61 for identifying the digital images stored in the image database 60. Appropriate computer software on computer 58 provides means for automatically assigning credit to the customer account for unused or unusable images on the rolls of photographic film submitted by the customer wherein a number of accrued unused or unusable images are compared to a threshold value. In the system 10 illustrated, the network photo service provider 54 is shown separate from the photofinishing lab 30. However, the network photo service provider 54 and photofinishing lab 30 may be at a single operation at the same location. In such case, server 56 may be in direct communication with server 36 or may even be the same server.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--While the embodiment described above is particularly well suited to processing, scanning and printing of film, the present invention is not so limited. For example, but not by way of limitation, the present invention can be applied to the digital scanning of images and/or storing of digital images. A charge could be assessed to a customer for the digital scanning of hard copy images and/or the storage of digital images to a specific customer account. This storage may be for a short period of time or for an extended long period of time in a digital memory storage device. If it is determined that the scanned image or the digital image received from a customer for storage is not suitable (unused or unusable) for printing, a credit could be credited to the customer account. For example, for free addition scanning of hard copy images and/or the free storage of additional digital images for a predetermined period of time. It is of course understood that any type credit may provided to the customer and any desired criteria may be used in determining when a credit will be given to the customer.--